Labour Reforms

1770. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government share the perception that labour sector is crying for reforms;

(b) if so, the steps being contemplated in regard to the labour reforms;

(c) whether while carrying out such reforms Government would keep in view the genuine problems of labour and ensure that their interests and welfare are not comprised in any way; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (d) Labour Reforms essentially mean taking steps to increase production, productivity and employment opportunities in the economy while protecting overall interests of labour. It implies skill development, retraining, redeployment, updating knowledge base of worker-teachers etc. Labour Reforms is a continuous process. It may require some changes in labour laws which are accomplished by the Government after detailed consultations with the social partners with a view to harmonize the interests of all stakeholders.

Employment Exchanges in Assam

†1771. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the people in each Employment Exchange in State of Assam who have got employment as on 31st January, 2005, district-wise; and

(b) the number of unemployed people who have been provided employment through the Employment Exchanges in the State during the last three years, Employment Exchange-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Details of the Placements effected by each employment exchange in Assam during 2002, 2003 and 2004 are given in the Statement.

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